



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held February 28, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“National Weights and Measures Week is being observed during the week of March 5 through 11 by State and local jurisdictions throughout the United States. This is the recognition of the first Weights and Measures law, passed by the United States Congress on March 2, 1799.

“The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has chosen the theme for the County’s observance: ‘Weights and Measures: Ensuring an Environment of Equitable Commerce.’ This issue has special significance to every consumer in Los Angeles County purchasing any commodity over a scale.

“The Department of the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures routinely conducts undercover inspections at retail facilities. These inspections have uncovered and corrected problems, fortifying the integrity of the sales process and enhancing consumer awareness.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the attached resolution proclaiming March 5 through 11, 2006 as “Weights and Measures Week” throughout Los Angeles County.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Agricultural Commissioner/Director
of Weights and Measures

RESOLUTION
by
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

WHEREAS, 207 years ago, on March 2, 1799, the Congress of the United States enacted the nation's first weights and measures law, citing the necessity for standards of weights and measures, the need for weights and measures as a public service, and the need for examining and trying weighing and measuring devices;

WHEREAS, the words of John Quincy Adams to the U.S. Senate in 1821 still hold true today, that "weights and measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society. They enter into the economical arrangements and daily concerns of every family. They are necessary to every occupation of human industry;"

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has recognized those needs in establishing the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, which has consistently functioned for the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Department provides a program for systematic inspection of all weighing and measuring apparatus used in trade throughout the County, assuring the public that the devices used have been officially inspected and found to be correct; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of the State of California demonstrated recent support for the work of county sealers throughout the State by authorizing increased funding of weights and measures inspection programs in chaptering Assembly Bill 889 (Ruskin); and

WHEREAS, March 5 through 11 will be observed as Weights and Measures Week throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the theme "**Weights and Measures: Ensuring an Environment of Equitable Commerce**" serves to remind County residents of the key role that the County Sealer plays in ensuring fair competition and consumer confidence in the marketplace.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, in special recognition of the work performed by the County Sealer and his staff, does hereby proclaim the week of March 5 through 11 to be known as "Weights and Measures Week" in our County, and urges all to recognize the very valuable contribution to the economic welfare of the communities of this County being made by the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures.

The foregoing resolution was, on the 28th day of February 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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